

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18246

This legislation increases children's mental health representation on regional mental health boards and clarifies statutory language about representation for adults with mental illness. Specifically, the legislation provides for representation by 2 parents of children with serious emotional disturbance, a representative of juvenile justice in the region, and a representative of public education in the region and eliminates references to children's mental health regional councils. The statutory language is clarified to specify that the consumer representatives are adults with mental illness.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this proposal consists of the actual and necessary costs of three (3) additional people attending the seven (7) regional mental health boards and is expected to be less than \$2,500 per year.

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